

## 16\_06 Color Table and Preliminary Stickers Plotting Black

### Question:

Why are the Preliminary and Incomplete Plans Stickers plotting out solid black?

### Answer:

This situation is related to the Roadway Q&A [Shaded Features Plotting Black](#) and has been a perpetual problem for us. The main reason why shaded shapes are plotting out solid black is because the wrong color table is attached with the Microstation file. This is commonly found in files originated external to NCDOT. The Roadway Design Script references the color table to plot Microstation files. To permanently fix this situation through some kind of automation, two methods have been applied to the Roadway workspace:

- A Roadway program has been created and attached to the MS\_Start program to automatically load the correct NCDOT.CTB (color table) every time Roadway Designers launch a Microstation file.
- Roadway English plotting SET files has been configured to attached the correct NCDOT.CTB (color table).